



LOGOS

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AMETER NAMED FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Troy State University Dothan Associate Professor of English, Dr. Brenda Ameter, was recently named a Fulbright Scholar by the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. Taking a sabbatical leave from TSUD, Dr. Ameter will be teaching Modern American Literature at the Russian State Pedagogical University in St. Petersburg, Russia, for the 2000 Spring Semester.

Ameter said, "I am extremely thrilled to be given the honor of teaching Russian students about the beautifully rich heritage of American Literature. Moreover, Russia has an intriguing and rich culture of its own to offer with many historic cities full of colorful people and grand, majestic landscapes. When I get back to TSUD I hope to develop a course in Russian Literature from what I learn to be offered in the future in conjunction with our present Russian History courses."

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The program encompasses a variety of exchange programs, including several types of individual and institutional grants to include the U.S. Scholar Program, the Fulbright Student Program, and the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. Approximately 225,000



The Ameters

"Fulbrighters," 84,000 from the United States and 141,000 from abroad, have participated in the program since 1946. About 4,500 new grants are awarded annually.

"I had to wait a long time to find out whether I was accepted," Ameter revealed. "And when I did finally receive the most exciting words I have ever heard, it was through an e-mail from Mrs. Valentina Grouzintseva, a representative from the Moscow Fulbright office, congratulating and welcoming me to Russia!"

The U.S. Scholar Program sends nearly 800 scholars and professionals a year to more than 125 countries, where they lecture or conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. In 1998-99, these fields ranged from journalism and urban planning to business administration, philosophy, and American studies.

Ameter continued, "Because I have recently become sight impaired, my wonderful husband Malcolm will be able to go to Russia with me, keep me company, and help me get around for the six months that we will be there. Without him I know I would not have been able to accomplish all the hard work it has taken just to get ready to go on this exciting adventure of a lifetime."

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We will soon see a section of the Library/Technology Building rise from ground level. The basement area for mechanical (boiler, etc.) and the elevator pit have been excavated and concrete poured in the foundation of the elevator pit. The concrete contractor will soon start constructing the forms for the foundation and walls, steel supports will be positioned, and concrete poured. The plumbing contractor is installing a water main connection and a fire hydrant on the west side of Malone Hall. A drain from the mechanical basement is being installed across the west drive way into the field. The electrical contractor has installed the conduit from the connection on the north side of Adams Hall across to where a transformer pad will be poured at the north end of the Library/Technology Building. The pace of construction will quicken as the prep work is completed. There will be an increase in activity and traffic, so be safety conscience.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dr. Brenda Ameter attended a Fulbright Scholars conference for people going to Eastern Europe; attended Creative Writing Club meeting on August 21; attended a "Writing in the Woods" writer's retreat sponsored by Creative Writing Club at Landmark Park on August 28.

Ms. Tina Bernath attended a Bird of Prey Exhibit at Landmark Park on August 21.

Dr. William Capps had an article published in the *American School Board Journal* entitled "Where Everybody Knows Your Name: The Beauty of Small Schools"; presented Brown Bag Seminar on the research regarding school size.

Ms. Susan Craig met with Houston County chairman and engineer to discuss proposal for certification for Alabama county commissioners, administrators, clerks, and engineers; visited Jacksonville State University office of Continuing Education; met with the Chamber of Commerce Small Business Committee; met with Business Communications Advisory Board.

Ms. Christine Evans met with Steve Danner, V.P. of Wiregrass American Culinary Federation, regarding revising our Hospitality Certificate Program on August 2; met with TSUD Auctioneering School instructors to revise the July school and to discuss improvements for the February 2000 school on August 13; presented program information at the Continuing Education Advisory Council meeting and attended the Microsoft 2000

Big Day Seminar at Holiday Inn South on August 19; coordinated and oversaw the TSUD Auctioneering School Continuing Education class on August 22.

Dr. Jan Gunnels attended the Brown Bag Seminar presented by Tamara Tillman regarding her teacher education work on August 3; hosted the Teacher to Teacher Study/Support Group at her home on August 29.

Ms. Becky Hunt attended a Managers and Supervisors Conference in Montgomery on August 2; attended Datatel training in Troy on August 26.

Dr. Sandra Lee Jones attended AEA Policies and Procedures meeting at the AEA Headquarters in Montgomery and was appointed to Platform Review Subcommittee.

Dr. Cynthia Lumpkin participated in Brown Bag Seminar in School of Education.

Ms. Diana Parker served as a TSUD co-chair for the American Heart Walk in memory of Vicki Love and sponsored by the American Heart Association; attended University Forum on August 3.

Dr. Sarah Patrick attended the Executive Council meeting of the Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Montgomery on August 7.

Ms. Patsy Rach attended the Alzheimer's Association Kickoff Luncheon for the Memory Walk (scheduled for October 2 at Westgate Park) on August 19.

Mr. Keith Seagle attended Computer Database Management training by National Council for

Opportunity in Education (NCOE) in Washington, D.C.; attended meeting of Advisory Committee to the Dothan-Houston County Substance Abuse Partnership; appointed chair for TSUD's 1999 United Way Campaign.

Ms. Ann Wells attended an initial planning meeting for the TSUD Continuing Education Business Communications Certificate Program on August 3; spoke to the monthly meeting of the Wiregrass Credit Union Organization on August 10; most importantly, attended graduation at University of Alabama where her daughter, Cameron, graduated magna cum laude with a degree in biology and the classics on August 14--Cameron will continue her education at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy in Birmingham where she will work on her Doctorate in Pharmacology; conducted a Continuing Education Advisory Council meeting on August 19; conducted a Continuing Education staff meeting on August 25.

Mr. Tony Whetstone attended TSUM Torch Run/Ribbon Cutting planning meeting in Troy and attended TSUD Bike Trail meeting on August 5; participated in Peanut Festival Public Relations meeting on August 5 and 19; attended Dothan Advertising Federation meeting on August 11; presided at Division staff meeting on August 18; attended Continuing Education Advisory Council meeting and attended Alzheimer's Kick-off Luncheon on August 19.



A Note of Thanks

Thursday, August 26, was one of the most special days of my life. I thought I was coming to a small meeting of the Creative Writing Club. Instead, I was ushered to the front of the Harrison Room and discovered many friends, students, and colleagues there. Chris Bryant kept assuring me, "You're going to like this, Dr. Ameter. You're going to like this." And, indeed, I did like it. In fact, I was totally awed by the whole experience. I want to thank everyone who contributed in any way to that wonderful day. I cannot think of anything nicer than to have a swing placed in the small garden in my honor. The plaque I was given was beautiful, as was the plaque placed near the swing. I keep thinking that someday my granddaughter will come out here, see the swing, read the plaque near the swing, and have a sense of what TSUD has meant to me. (She already loves the swing.)

I want to thank Mr. Feagin and Dr. Belsches for their kind comments. Most of all, I want to thank Chris Bryant. Since Thursday, many people have told me how much work he did to create this special day. Every once in awhile, a teacher has a student who truly "lights up her life"; Chris Bryant has done that as he has taken my classes, been president of Creative Writing Club, and been editor of the *Copper Blade Review*. He has given me a thousand wonderful memories; now he has inscribed those memories on beautiful plaques. Thank you.
Brenda Ameter

TSUD'S U.S. SAVINGS BOND CAMPAIGN

Take Stock In America



Troy State University Dothan recently kicked off its 1999 U.S. Savings Bond Campaign. Dr. Michael Malone (R), TSUD president, purchased the first bond of the university-wide drive. Mark Aldridge, U.S. Savings Bond area manager from the U.S. Secretary of Treasury (M), presented Malone with the bond along with Janet McQueen (L), human resource coordinator and U.S. Savings Bond coordinator for TSUD.

TWO STUDENTS ADDED TO THE TSUD AFRICAN-AMERICAN FACULTY-IN-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Troy State University Dothan is proud to announce the addition of two students to the University's African-American Faculty-in-Development Program. New to the fellowship program are Ms. Jameela Montgomery of Dothan and Ms. Michelle Foster of Auburn.

Ms. Montgomery has a MBA from Alabama A & M University in Huntsville and a BS in Business Administration from Oakwood College. In 1981, she became a budget analyst for the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Lab at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, and was promoted to financial manager in 1994. A long-time member of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society of Business Administration, she was also a 1997 Ft. Rucker Woman of the Year Nominee.

Ms. Foster has a Master's degree in Applied Mathematics from Auburn University and a BS in Mathematics from Alabama State University in Montgomery. At Auburn University, she worked as a graduate teaching assistant and an office manager for the Minority Drop-In Center and was named secretary to the Black Graduate and Professional Student Association. At Alabama State, Michelle worked on the yearbook staff as student life editor and as student orientation services leader.

Created in 1992, the program is designed to assist TSUD in developing a group of African-Americans who can add to the cultural diversity of the faculty and administrative ranks. The program provides financial support for qualified African-American applicants currently enrolled in a doctoral degree program at a regionally accredited public or private institution of higher education, or in a master's degree program leading to a doctoral degree, to obtain a doctoral degree in exchange for a commitment to teach full-time at TSUD.

Seated L-R are: Ms. Montgomery and Ms. Foster. Standing L-R are: Dr. Adair Gilbert, dean, TSUD School of Business; Dr. Barbara Alford, TSUD executive vice president; Dr. Michael Malone, TSUD president; and Dr. Alan Belsches, dean, TSUD College of Arts and Sciences.

TSUD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF MISSION

Troy State University Dothan (TSUD) is a separately accredited university within The Troy State University System providing opportunities for affordable, accessible education primarily to residents of southeast Alabama, southwest Georgia, and northwest Florida.

The university's emphasis on academics is complemented by dedication to public service, applied research, and lifelong learning. TSUD is committed, through traditional and non-traditional means, to enhancing the critical thinking and personal growth essential for informed, productive citizens.



ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

August 1999

Made four Capital Campaign visits
Participated in APT focus group discussion in Mobile
Participated in meeting concerning TSUD bike trail access and environment
Participated in Alabama-Florida Council Boy Scouts of America "Scout School Night" meeting
Participated in TSU Summer Commencement in Troy
Participated in House of Ruth Board meeting
Attended AmSouth Bank ribbon cutting
Participated in State Articulation and General Studies Committee meeting in Montgomery
Participated in Kelly Springs School Scout Night
Hosted dinner for Ft. Rucker Commanding General and Chief of Staff and spouses
Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting
Participated in meeting of university presidents in Birmingham
Participated in Army Museum Foundation Executive Committee meeting at Ft. Rucker

SPOTLIGHT ON LIBRARY AND ISC SERVICES

by Julia Smith, director of library services

The TSUD Library (2nd Floor, Adams Hall) and the Instructional Support Center (4th Floor, Adams Hall) are open 72 hours a week to provide resources and services to students, staff, faculty, and the public. The hours are:

Monday - Thursday	8 A.M. - 9 P.M.
Friday	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Sunday	1 P.M. - 5 P.M.

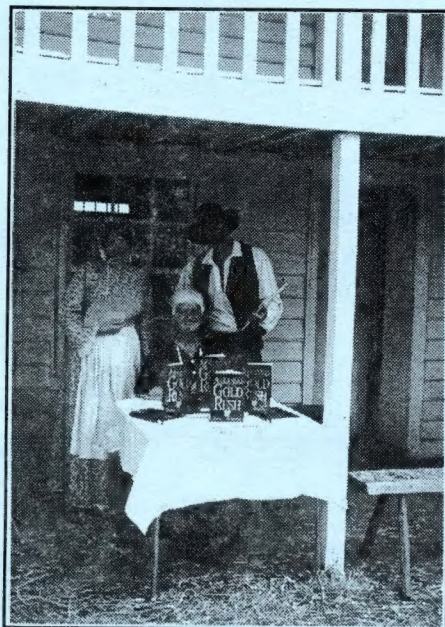
Online library resources, such as the book catalog, and periodical databases, such as SearchBank and EBSCOhost, can also be accessed remotely by currently enrolled students, faculty, and staff.

Interlibrary Loan Service (ILL) is available to obtain those books and articles which we do not hold in our own collection. These items are usually obtainable within a week after the request is placed. Forms for ILL are available at the Circulation Desk (for books) and the Periodical Desk (for articles).

The Instructional Support Center Computer Lab has 21 computers with software for word processing, graphics, spreadsheets, etc. connected to a laser printer. A scanner and color printer are also available. The Curriculum and Media Lab holdings of the ISC meet the needs for audiovisual hardware, such as LCD projectors for class presentations. Software, such as videos, slides, etc. are also available for checkout. Other equipment includes a copier, die cut press, and laminating machine.

Please contact any of the library or ISC staff for further information or assistance concerning these services.

In its celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the California Gold Rush, the Arkansas Territorial Restoration invited Dr. Priscilla McArthur to return to Little Rock for a second book signing and celebration on July 3 and 4. Her book, Arkansas in the Gold Rush (1986), recounts gold seekers, especially Arkansans, who left for the gold fields from Fort Smith and Van Buren, Arkansas. A play entitled "The Gathering" was performed as part of the events and depicted the role of black Americans in antebellum Little Rock. There is a passage in the book describing how the trekkers celebrated Fourth of July on the trail which was the basis for Dr. McArthur's remarks. The Restoration continues to use much of Dr. McArthur's research in its historical interpretation of the five period houses on the site.



McArthur

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB WRITER'S RETREAT A SUCCESS

The Troy State University Dothan Creative Writing Club sponsored a "Writing in the Woods" writer's retreat on Saturday, August 28, 1999, at Landmark Park in Dothan. Registration for the retreat included a brown bag lunch and a copy of the club literary collection, the *Copper Blade Review*.

Scheduled lecturers at the retreat included: Debbie DeRossett, editor/publisher of *Southern Discoveries* magazine; Dr. Robert Saunders, author and assistant professor of history at TSUD; author Bonnie Stone; and Ann Varnum, local television personality, book publisher, and author.

Chelle Barney, TSUD Creative Writing Club president, said, "Over thirty participants attended the writer's retreat and it was a new and exciting fund raising event for the club that helped to promote interest in writing in the Wiregrass area. The money that the club made goes to help publish our annual literary collection, and I encourage any interested writer to submit works for the next issue to the TSUD Creative Writing Club."

"We hope success of our first writer's retreat will enable the club to sponsor a similar event on an annual basis. Writers of all ages and degrees are welcome to come to the Creative Writing Club meetings held every third Saturday at Dr. Brenda Ameter's house. The club itself is a great place for writers to improve their skills, make new friends, and stimulate their literary creativity," added Ms. Barney.

For more information on the TSUD Creative Writing Club, please call advisors Mr. Fred Feagin at (334) 983-6556, ext. 235, or Dr. Brenda Ameter at ext. 397.



COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

August 1999

Get Well Card

*Ken Harmon (Chris Harmon's husband)

Get Wells Cards and Flowers

*Dr. Reiff Lafleur
*Viola Powell

Sympathy Card

*Keith and Deborah Seagle (on the death of Deborah's grandmother)

Thank You Cards Received

*Chris and Ken Harmon
*Keith and Deborah Seagle

FROM THE TSUD FAMILY

TSUD Family,

How can we thank you all for the prayers, calls, cards, visits, and assistance. I could feel the prayers being offered that Sunday morning. Ken is recovering nicely and hopes to be back in the swing in 4-6 weeks. The donation sure came in handy feeding the family and buying medication two days before payday.

Again, the caring TSUD family shows why this is such a great place to work.

Love to all,
Chris and Ken

Deborah and I wish to thank all of the TSUD family and the Courtesy Committee for their prayers, concerns, cards, and support during the recent passing of our grandmother Chapman.

Keith and Deborah Seagle

SACS UPDATE

The fourth issue of SACS Update was issued in August. Look for the fifth and sixth issues in September and October.

TSU System News...

From Troy...

FLINN APPOINTED VICE CHANCELLOR FOR TECHNOLOGY FOR THE TSU SYSTEM

In an effort to keep pace with the rapidly growing role of technology in higher education, The Troy State University System has expanded the responsibilities of its principal technology administrator.

Dr. William E. Flinn has been named vice president of technology and assistant vice chancellor for technology for The Troy State University System, effective August 27. The new position is in response to the ever-increasing importance of technology for The TSU System, according to Dr. Doug Patterson, TSU vice chancellor. "Dr. Flinn's expanded role will help create the proper technological environment and will ensure that The Troy State University System gets maximum efficiency from its limited resources," Dr. Patterson said. "(Dr. Flinn's) expertise in technology and its use in higher education will continue to serve the system well."

In his new role, Dr. Flinn will supervise the technology activities of both The TSU System and the Troy campus, including coordination of the System's distance education programs, direction of the programs and services of the Southeast Alabama Technology Network, and coordination of the System's microwave network. He is responsible for computers, radio, television, distance education, networking, and library automation for The TSU System and the Troy campus.

"Technology has become critical to all aspects of learning and teaching," Flinn said. "(The TSU System) is fortunate to have the region's only university-owned microwave system, which links the System's different campuses and allows them to have 24-hour-a-day audio and video for distance education programs." "New programs are under way to provide greater computer access

for students and faculty in Troy, including new computer ports in the Adams Student Center," added Flinn.

A native of Mansfield, Ohio, Dr. Flinn is a retired colonel who served in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years and worked for Ball State University in Indiana before joining TSU in 1994. He previously served as vice president of the Community College of the Air Force at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery and as commander of the 3350th Technical Training Group at Chanute Air Force Base in Indiana. He earned his doctorate at Ohio State University.

From Montgomery...

TSUM DEDICATES NEW COMMONS AREA

The Troy State University System held a special ceremony on September 18, 1999, to dedicate the new Troy State University Montgomery (TSUM) Commons area. The dedication was highlighted by the lighting of a torch that tops an 85-foot clock tower, which will serve as the centerpiece of the new Commons area.

The ceremony actually began on Friday, September 17, at Troy State University Dothan (TSUD) where Dr. Michael Malone and SGA President Rich Arnold started the torch on its journey from Dothan to Montgomery. University officials and students participated in the torch run which brought the flame through each campus. The arrival of the torch in Montgomery on September 18 served as the culmination of a ceremony which included remarks from university administrators and public officials, as well as a performance by the TSU "Sound of the South" Marching Band. Competitive archer Joe Wares of Troy fired a flaming arrow to light the torch at the conclusion of the ceremony.

"The new Commons area will make a difference in the lives of our students," according to Dr. Cameron Martindale, interim president of TSUM.

"Troy State University Montgomery is proud of its leadership role in helping to revitalize downtown," Dr. Martindale said. "This Commons area will provide a focal point on our downtown campus for our students. The

Commons area is a major step toward giving TSUM a distinct downtown presence."



TSUD UNIVERSITY FORUM

Session for Fall Semester:

Thursday, October 21

1:30 - 3:00 P.M.

Malone 112

Topic:

Distance Education and
Technology at TSUD
and
Open Forum

Forum Representatives:

Rich Arnold
Rodney Beaver
Gary Buchanan
Christine Evans
Michael Higgins
Kim McNab
Mary Noble
Gaye Peacock
Patsy Rach
Greg Ruediger
Lynda Salisbury
Julia Smith

EFFECTIVE AS OF AUGUST 23, 1999

Smoking on the TSUD campus is limited to the **EAST** entrance of Malone Hall and the **REAR** entrance of Adams Hall. These areas are clearly marked for everyone's convenience.



TSUD FAMILY TREE

Busy schedules can often keep us from learning about one another, our families, and the things we enjoy doing in our spare time. We have a way of taking care of that! We will continue to recognize one classified and professional staff member in LOGOS. This is a great way to learn about each other and who knows . . . you may even find out that someone shares an interest or hobby similar to yours! ENJOY!

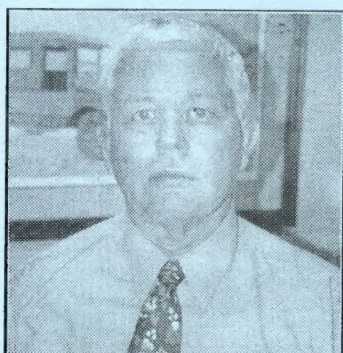
CLASSIFIED STAFF MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

TSUD is proud to recognize Sandy Henry as Classified Staff Member of the Month. Sandy is a departmental secretary II with the TSUD Fort Rucker location.

Prior to coming to TSUD in January of 1997, Sandy worked and lived in Nashville, TN. She is currently working on her B.S. in management at TSUD. Sandy likes to spend time with her husband, Keith, and two children: Melinda, age 21; and Ryan, age 10. In her spare time she is very active in the Harrand Creek Elementary PTA and at Hillcrest Baptist Church.



PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



TSUD is proud to recognize Johnnie Quick as Professional Staff Member of the Month. Johnnie is the Business Manager in Financial Affairs at TSUD.

Johnnie worked at North Carolina State University before coming to TSUD in 1997. In his spare time he enjoys golfing, gardening, and collecting die-cast muscle cars. He and his wife Beth, who is enrolled as a student in the School of Education at TSUD, have two daughters who attend school in Dothan.

TSUD WELCOMES NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

The TSUD family welcomed and introduced five new faculty members to the School of Business at the Faculty and Staff Convocation held on August 27, 1999: Dr. Matthew Elbeck, professor of marketing; Ms. Barbara Minsky, assistant professor of management; Dr. Sharon Moody, associate professor of accounting; Mr. Dennis Pearson, assistant professor of quantitative methods; and Dr. Shane Stonesifer, assistant professor of computer science. Two new faculty to the School of Education were also welcomed and introduced: Ms. Rita Farver, instructor of early childhood education; and Dr. Philip Fretwell, assistant professor of educational leadership/foundations.

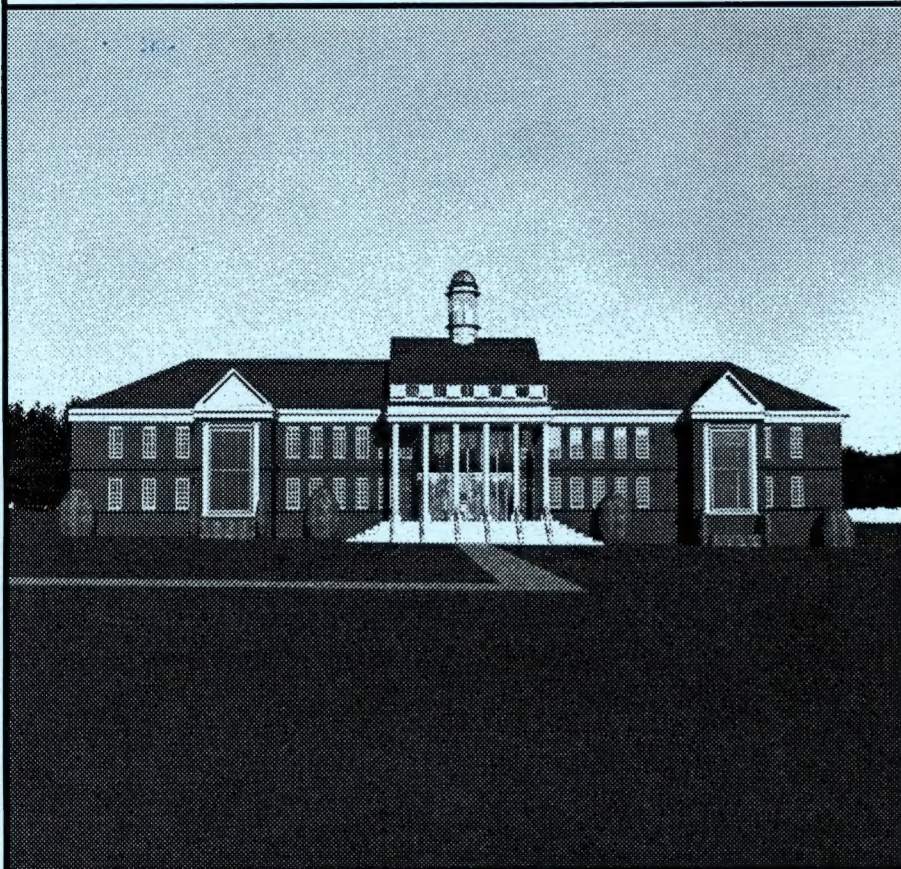
New staff members were introduced as follows: Rosemary Button, departmental secretary II in the School of Business; Christine Evans, coordinator for personal development in Continuing Education; Ann Gommo, clerk typist III in the School of Education; Michelle Hall, clerk typist II in the Business Office; Victoria Johnson, staff assistant in Student Support Services; Grace Maloy, clerk typist II in the College of Arts and Sciences; Phyllis Mason, departmental secretary II in the Business Office; and Thomas Whitson, webmaster in Information Services.

Look for further information in the next issue of LOGOS to feature these new faculty and staff members.

Quest for Excellence TSUD Library/Technology Building

Let's continue our tour of the TSUD Library/Technology Building...

Join me on the second floor of the TSUD Library/Technology Building as it is dedicated entirely to a Library with networked computer stations allowing online access to national and international databases and library catalogs, the Internet, and the TSUD Intranet. Students need access to technology, a quiet place to study, resources to conduct research, and a central place to meet with study groups. As the center of all learning, our library meets the needs of the hundreds of students, faculty members, and Wiregrass citizens who will be using the facility every day. Our second floor library is approximately 19,330 square feet.



BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

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BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

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- 2 Gaye Peacock
- 3 Victoria Johnson
- 4 Harry Wills
- 5 William Lipscomb
- 10 Pamela Williamson
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- 11 Lannes Morris-Murphy
- 21 Debbie Christian
- 21 Quan Yang
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